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SUBJECT: TREASURY MINISTER LA MALFA'S COMMENTS TO AMBASSADOR
RE ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP MEETING

1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH TREASURY MINISTER LA
MALFA AT LATTER'S REQUEST ON FEBRUARY 26. IN COURSE OF
CONVERSATION, LA MALFA ASKED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN
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ENERGY FIELD AND ALSO REFERRED TO (A) ITALIAN DOMESTIC

ECONOMIC/POLITICAL SITUATION AND (B) ITALY-LIBYA PETROLEUM AGREEMENT. POINTS RAISED RE (A) AND (B) ABOVE ARE BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY.

2. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS IN ENERGY FIELD, TREASURY MINISTER LA MALFA COMPLAINED THAT HE HAD EXPERIENCED GREAT DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING INFO FROM ITALIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY ON THIS SUBJECT SINCE HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON MINISTERIAL MEETING, AND ASKED ABOUT RESULTS OF FEBRUARY 25 MEETING. ON BASIS BACKGROUND INFO PROVIDED IN STATE'S 037858, AMBASSADOR SAID ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP MEETING HAD GONE FAIRLY WELL DESPITE SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE ROLE OF ITALIANS, BELGIANS, AND IRISH. LA MALFA WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR THIS, STATING HE HAD MADE GREAT EFFORT AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE EARLIER THIS MONTH TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH U.S. LA MALFA PRAISED ROLE OF GERMAN FONMIN SCHEEL AND FINMIN SCHMIDT AT EARLIER CONFERENCE AND NOTED THAT FRENCH FONMIN JOBERT'S POSITION HAD BEEN SHARPLY CRITICIZED IN FRANCE AFTER HIS RETURN. AMBASSADOR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT LA MALFA'S INTERVENTION IN WASHINGTON CONFERENCE HAD BEEN VERY STRONG AND HELPFUL. LA MALFA STRESSED THAT CLOSE ITALIAN COOPERATION WITH US WAS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

3. LA MALFA COMPLAINED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF WHO HAD REPRESENTED ITALY AT COORDINATING GROUP MEETING BUT HAD BEEN ASSURED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT ITALY'S REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE EQUIVALENT IN RANK TO REPS OF OTHER EC COUNTRIES, ASKING AMBASSADOR WHETHER THIS HAD BEEN THE CASE. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT ONLY ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD BEEN MINISTER-CONSELOR FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS AT ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, ADDING THAT MOST, IF NOT ALL, OTHER COUNTRIES HAD SENT AT LEAST ONE OFFICIAL FROM RESPECTIVE CAPITALS AS REPRESENTATIVE ON COORDINATING GROUP. LA MALFA EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AND CHAGRIN THAT ITALY WAS NOT BETTER REPRESENTED AT MEETING AND COMMENTED THAT SITUATION PROBABLY REFLECTED VARIOUS CONFLICTING POLITICAL CURRENTS WITHIN FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE ADDED THAT IT HAD BEEN VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE FINANCIAL

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OFFICIALS AT MINISTERIAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON AND HOPED FINANCIAL OFFICIALS ALSO WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE MEETINGS OF COORDINATING GROUP.

4. AMBASSADOR BRIEFLY OUTLINED RESULTS OF FEBRUARY 25 MEETING, INDICATING THAT NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HOSTED BY BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IN BRUSSELS ON MARCH 13-14 AND CHAIRED BY BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TO OECD.

AMBASSADOR ALSO BRIEFLY CITED THE NINE ENERGY ACTIVITIES
DISCUSSED AT MEETING AND THE INTERNATIONAL BODIES TO
WHICH THEY ASSIGNED. VOLPE

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